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Message from the Office

A new month to celebrate all the amazing things that are happening in our beautiful school!
For instance: Intramurals, robotics and tech challenge, speeches, book clubs, Lego club, Dance Club, Science Fair Finals, chess, Mad Science and Girls and Boys basketball.

We congratulate our **Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball** teams as they both played in the DSBN Championship game. A first in Glynn A. Green history. Way to go Mr. Rigg , Mr. Piva and Mrs. Rigg!

We will also be holding a **Clothing Drive** for the Kidney Foundation in the Spring, which will also be a fundraiser for our school. It's a win, win situation! You get to clean out your closets and the Kidney Foundation and our school get to benefit as well. Further details will follow.

On Tuesday, February 28 Jacqueline Oscvrik spoke on Mindfulness at **School Council**. Please come out and join us at our next meeting on April 4 in the Learning Commons at 6:30 p.m.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our **Fun Fair** Friday June 2! Please let the office know if you can help or contact Julie Vottero, our Parent Fun Fair Chair at : jvottero17@hotmail.com

We wanted to thank all our families who participated in the **Curriculum Night** this month. Thank you Mrs. Downs for organizing and all our teachers for preparing such engaging activities.

Isaac K won first place in both the Legion and Lions club junior **speech competition** and will be moving on to the regionals. Ayla B. came second in the Lions and will also be moving on. Hailey B. placed first in the Lions Intermediate division and will be moving on. Congratulations!

Thank-you for your support in our community fundraiser this month: the **EFN Make Change for Children** coin collection to raise money for families of the DSBN in need. Altogether we collected \$950.00. Special thanks to our Future Aces for collecting the coins, tabulating the daily totals and announcing them!

On Wednesday, February 22 we were a sea of Pink for **National Pink Shirt Day**. Remember that the first Monday of every month is Marvellous Monday and pink shirt day at GAG.

Mrs. Lehne is also asking for your support with the **Hairy Challenge**. Please donate your pony tail-your hair will grow back strong and healthy and you will have given so much hope to a cancer patient.

A reminder that doors are locked after school and if you are waiting for clubs or sport practices you will have to wait outside until the activity is done.

Thank-you again for your continued support, we hope you and your family have a safe and fun-filled **March Break!**

Hairy Challenge-June 12th

Almost Spring, and I think most of us are looking ahead towards the warmer weather. Often times people want a new look for Spring or a new Spring/Summer hairdo. Before you go out and get a haircut, I would like to remind everyone that we are holding our 4th annual "Hairy Challenge". For this Challenge we are asking anyone who can, to donate their hair (ponytails of 8 inches or longer) to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths Program. This program takes all of the ponytail donations and makes them into wigs. The wigs are given to the Cancer societies across Canada and are distributed to people – free of charge – who are dealing with hair loss due to Cancer treatments.

I think these days almost everyone is touched by someone dealing with Cancer. One of the biggest factors in dealing with Cancer and winning the fight is having a positive attitude. It is much easier to have a positive attitude when you can look in the mirror and see a bit of "normal". One of the most difficult aspects of dealing with Cancer is the hair loss. A person immediately "looks sick" or can be easily identified as having Cancer.

A real-hair wig is much more comfortable and natural looking than a synthetic wig, but can cost thousands of dollars. Receiving a real-hair wig really can be a life altering moment.

I ask that anyone who has 8 inches of hair, or wants to grow their hair just to participate in the "Hairy Challenge" to please, please consider donating your hair for this amazing cause. The haircuts will take place in June, with further information in future newsletters. The person donating the ponytail will receive a **FREE** haircut from the hairdressers who generously donate their time and skills.

Our goal is 30 ponytails. Last year we were so close and Mrs. Lehne wants a new haircut badly! This year we will include ANY family member, relative, neighbour or friend that agrees to contribute to the Great Lengths program. Remember that your hair starts to grow immediately and you are doing something selfless and meaningful for someone else. You have the power to change someone's life, so please consider doing so

THANK YOU !!!

If you have any questions, or would like to participate in this event, please contact our wonderful Lunch Supervisor Mrs. Susan Jeffery at (905) 892-8827 or email at tjeffery2@cogeco.ca

School Advisory Council

The next meeting of our School Advisory Council is on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend. Please check out our school website to view the minutes of our February SAC meeting which will be posted. Let us know if you need babysitting in order to attend.

Eco- Club

Earth Hour is a worldwide movement uniting people to protect the planet. The event takes place on Saturday March 25th this year and encourages individuals, communities, households and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour as a symbol of their commitment to planet Earth. At Glynn A. Green, we will be marking Earth Hour by turning out the lights on Friday March 24th from 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Wednesday March 22nd is World Water Day. The Eco Team will be helping students understand the importance of water conservation. We will focus our attention on the importance of freshwater and its sustainability so we are asking students to drink only water on this day.

Thank You as well to our awesome Recyclers who take the time every week to ensure our school looks clean and that we do our part for the environment!



EARTH HOUR

Awesome Gators Basketball

Intermediate Girls

The Intermediate girls played in the DSBN Championship game on February 28. They played a strong team from Princess Elizabeth. They had a lead after the first quarter and played hard but were unable to hold PE off. This is a group of girls who have grown and developed together to become a team made up of various talents. Each girl brought with them a positive attitude, willingness to learn and a drive to do their best. Together they rallied from behind in their quest for the gold! With determination, sportsmanship and a sense of humour they had a great season. We are so proud of our Gator Girls!! Grace W, Shayla J, Arden S, Carly F, Sandra F, Kylee R, Tayah C, Jenna D, Maiya B, Hannah S. Thank-you to Mr. Piva and Mrs. Rigg for coaching our team.

Intermediate Boys

The Intermediate Boys' Basketball team recently finished an amazing season. The team began their season undermanned and although they gave it their best, they were defeated by Wellington Heights. But that was the only taste of defeat that the Gators would have as they would then run off a streak of 16 straight wins.

Along the way they captured first place in their league play, the playoff championship in league play, the prestigious Crossley Tournament and the Board B championship where they defeated Wellington Heights. They also defeated a number of strong A schools during their season.

The group was athletic, skilled and most importantly highly coachable and team oriented.

Team members are Owen D, Lucas G, Cole B, Ben B, Adam K, Tanner B, Riley B, Alex R, Wes K and Brendan G.

Thanks to all the girls who helped score keep at various times this season, to Mr Beck for setting up the gym for home games and to Mrs Rigg for joining the team on the bench in our championship game. Mr. Rigg thanks for coaching our team through their victorious season.

Perseverance Recognition Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their perseverance!

Malakhi B, Lilly C, Aryanna M, Kellen P, Nathan X, Lyly T, Olivia Y, Oszcar M, Alyssia I, Cohen C, Nash P, Torah B, Blake H, Lilly O, William C, Vanessa L, Hayden W, Isabel G, Elliott B, Emma S, Rowan N, Joey A-I, Jessica W, Oliver H, Matthew S, Owen de V, Chase P, Curtis L, Kaycie M, Tilly H, Caleb W, Hudson S, Stella S, Solange F, Brandon B, Carter P, Dylan S, Hayden K, Bassil D, Mila G, Kristen L, Jackson O, Joey U, Olivia W, Austin B, Max S, Jayna P, Alexa M, Lucas G, Owen N, Kyle Y, Jacob S, Jacob R, Emma W.

COURAGE- CHARACTER TRAIT FOR MARCH

“We have the strength and ability to face challenges even when it might be difficult or unpopular. We take initiative in that we act without being prompted by others”

Pink Shirt Day

On February 22, 2017 we had Pink Shirt day at Glynn A Green School. This day originated when two high school students from Nova Scotia stood up for a younger boy who was bullied because he was wearing pink. They stood up for the boy by organizing a large group of boys and girls to wear pink to school the following day. This had a great impact on the bullies and as a result Pink shirt day originated. Now this day is to bring awareness to all and to stop bullying. Mrs. Downs attended an "UnLearn" conference. Class 3/4 read picture books about bullying. Then they wrote an "I Am" poem from the perspective of the bully, bullied, bystander or brave. Their poems were transferred onto a pink t-shirt and they also designed an anti-bullying pink shirt as well with an anti-bullying logo. Many classes made pledges, posters and announcements. We encourage all to continue to support our anti-bullying campaign by playing a key role in preventing or stopping bullying. Bystanders need to *directly intervene*, by : discouraging the bully, defending the victim, or redirecting the situation away from bullying or by *getting help*, by : rallying support from peers to stand up against bullying or by reporting the bullying to adults.



Prom Project Niagara

Prom Project Niagara 2017 – Free Formal Wear Opportunity

Prom Project Niagara is a one day fun free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys!

Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or graduation for FREE!

This year, we are offering Prom Project Niagara at:

St. Catharines Collegiate ***NEW MAIN LOCATION***
Beamsville Secondary School
Fort Erie Secondary School

If you know of a student who could use this program, please join us on Saturday, April 8th, from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at one of our locations.

Inviting all students who are in need of formal wear for their special day!

For more information on Prom Project Niagara please call 905-641-2929 ext. 37712, email efn@dsbn.org or visit www.efnniagara.ca

*Note: for Welland and Niagara Falls schools: bus transportation is available to the St. Catharines site! Contact the Foundation to book your spot on the bus!


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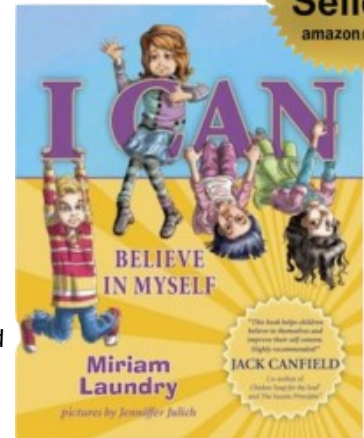
March Artist of the Month

Jennifer Julich - Illustrator

Ah, the hunt for the perfect visual that not only describes the text, but enhances it and emotionally pulls the reader into the mind's eye of the author's world of characters. As a child I dreamed of becoming a book illustrator and an animator. It's the hunt for an elusive character that lives in the mind of the author, and it's up to me to find it, capture it, and visualize it.

Jennifer Julich is the illustrator for Miriam Laundry's books and many others. Find her at www.jnnffr.com

We were very lucky to have had Mrs. Laundry here on Friday February 10th. She read to us from her I CAN series of books and promoted the message of peacemaking, equity, inclusion and perseverance.



Adult Dental Care

Are you an adult in Niagara who is experiencing problems or barriers to accessing dental care? The Niagara Dental Health Coalition has launched a short survey to learn more about these barriers and their impacts. Please take a moment to complete the survey at:

<http://niagaradentalhealthcoalition.weebly.com/>

The survey is open until March 10, 2017.

CASTING CALL!!

Our photo provider Edge Imaging School and Sports Photography is searching for their next EdgeKids and EdgeTeens aged 4-18 to be the new face of Edge Imaging! You could receive free movie tickets as well as digital downloads of all images. Selected EdgeKids and EdgeTeens images will be featured on photo day posters and many other promotional materials. No experience is required and applicants must have access to Edge's Burlington Lab over the March Break (March 13-17). Parents apply by emailing your child's name, age and a few sample images to communications@edgeimaging.ca. Selected participants will be contacted directly by Edge Imaging to arrange a photo session date and time. Best of luck!

MUSIC MONDAY

Sing for Joy! Sing for Healing! Sing for Freedom! Monday May 1 is Music Monday! The new song titled Sing It Together is written by award winning artists Marc Jordan and Ian Thomas to commemorate Canada's sesquicentennial.

We will have the Primaries in the gym for singing at 11:30 a.m.-all are welcome to join us. Please visit www.musicmonday.ca for more information



Public Health

March is Nutrition Month

Fruits and veggies are not only absolutely delicious but they are nature's fast food! Ready to eat and most come in their own "to-



go" packages, produce makes the perfect snack for kids to grab and go. They need minimal to no preparation and buying ones in season means you can save some money and shop smarter.

Think you can't get much produce on a tight budget? Here are some tips to make shopping for produce more easy and affordable:

- Don't shop when you're hungry and carry a list. You'll be more likely to stick to your budget and nutritious food choices.

- Look for washed and bagged salads, baby carrots, celery hearts, broccoli and cauliflower crowns, cherry tomatoes, and shredded cabbage in your grocery store

- Buy fresh produce, like peaches or bananas, in varying degrees of ripeness to allow for some ripening towards the end of the week

- Canned and frozen vegetables can be convenient choices

- Spend most of your time in the produce, bread, meat and dairy sections

- Use store flyers to help you find specials

- See more at: <http://www.halfyourplate.ca/produce-is-affordable>

Creative Thinkers at Glynn A Green -

Lego Robotics

8 students proudly represented Glynn A. Green on February 23 at the annual Lego Robotics competition at Brock University. With a "Skilled Trades" theme, teams were challenged to design and build robots using Lego Mindstorm kits to compete in various themed events such as cookie collecting, welding, hammering, as well as turning on daytime running lights. Our teams showed good programming skills and creativity and although we were unable to place in the top three overall, our intermediate team did receive medals for having the best score in the construction event. All competitors should be commended for having a great day. They all worked really well together, collaborating and cooperating to problem solve and design a bot for each event. Everyone did a fantastic job and learned a lot. Great job Lego Gators!

Competitors were Patrick F, Ben R, Jeffrey S, Ben B, Aakash S, Jessica S, Robbie L and Samuel J



Can We Lift It?

Four intermediate students, Jeffrey S, Ben B, Leila S and Sydney A have been selected to compete in the annual DSBN TechKnowledge Challenge on Thursday, March 2nd at E.LCrossley. The team needs to design a rotating crane that can lift a model of a power plant generator. They will have to rely on their knowledge of simple machines and mechanical advantage while creating their design. Best of luck in this year's competition Gators!

Chess, Check!... Mate?

Both junior and intermediate chess clubs continue to meet a few times a week to practice and enhance their chess skills. During this time students share strategies, and play friendly games of chess. Some students have enjoyed learning about the basic rules and about how the game is played. Others have enjoyed the competition of facing really skilled players. Three students from each grade will have the opportunity to participate in our annual tournament which will take place on March 30th at Richmond Street school. Thanks again to everyone for coming out!

March 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Tech-Knowledge Challenge PIZZA DAY	3 Day 3 Grad Photos
6 Day 4 DSBN Robotics	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 7 Jack Grunsky trip JK-3 Lunch Lady Day	10 Day 8
13 M B	14 A R	15 R E	16 C A	17 H K 
20 Day 9 Mad Science	21 Day 10	22 Day 1 World Water Day	23 Day 2 Walk to School PIZZA DAY DSBN Dance Showcase	24 Day 3  MILK Order Dues GAG Earth hour day 1:45 to 2:45 pm Science Fair at Brock University-Sunday is open to the public so please drop by to see our students!
27 Day 4 Mad Science	28 Day 5	29 Day 6 Courage assembly 11:20 a.m. SPIRIT DAY— Green/Gator Day	30 Day 7 Chess Tourn. Lunch Lady Day	31 Day 8
Music Monday May 1 11:30 in the gym with the Primaries				